

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The supplemental reply filed on 10/20/08 was not entered because supplemental replies are not entered as a matter of right except as provided in 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2)(ii). The amendment was not entered as it does not contain a full listing of the claims, and would be non-compliant.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Julie Flores on 10/20/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, on page 1, line 13, replace "U.S. patent application No. 09/815982" with --U.S. Patent No. 7,048,691--.

In claim 50, delete the space " " before the period at the end of the claim.

In claim 66, line 9, delete "and" at the end of the line.

In claim 66, line 11, delete the period "." at the end of the line and insert --; and--.

In claim 66, insert new line 12 after line 11, --a step for positioning said blood pressure sensor above said identified blood vessel.--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan G. Cwern whose telephone number is (571)270-1560. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:30AM - 6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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